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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.), the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management Budget for extension and approval.

Form F-9 (17 CFR 239.39) is a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 (15 U.S.C. 77a et seq.) that is used to register investment grade debt or investment grade preferred securities that are offered for cash or in connection with an exchange offer and are either non-convertible or not convertible for a period of at least one year from the date of issuance and thereafter are only convertible into a security of another class of the issuer. The purpose of the information collection is to permit verification of compliance with securities law requirements and to assure the public availability and dissemination of such information. The principal function of the Commission's forms and rules under the securities laws' disclosure provisions is to make information available to the investors. We estimate that Form F-9 takes approximately 25 hours per response and it is filed by 18 respondents. We further estimate that

25% of the 25 hours per response (6.25 hours) is prepared by the issuer for an annual reporting burden of 113 hours (6.25 hours per response x 18 responses).

Written comments are invited on: (a) whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Thomas Bayer, Director/Chief Information Officer, Securities and Exchange Commission, c/o Remi Pavlik-Simon, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

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